

WEEKLY WRAP-UP

Promoting Missouri to the Film Industry

Week of March 5 - March 11, 2005

MISSOURI NEWS

Independent feature film, *Lenexa 1 Mile*, has opened its production office this week in the KC metro area. Their contact information is Lenexa One, LLC, 5700 Broadmoor, Ste. 407, Mission, KS 66202, 913-236-9799 (phone), 913-236-9739 (fax) or email Jill Hamam at jill@lenexaone.com.

Ellington, Eminence and Newburg were just three of the towns scouted and photographed by the film office this week as possible locations for a family feature film, *Saving Shiloh*, slated to shoot this summer. The story is actually set in West Virginia, but the director hopes to find a suitable location in Missouri. He will be in the state next week to see the potential sites firsthand.

TakeTwo Productions, produced for the Kansas City based ad agency (Sullivan, Higdon & Sink), two TV spots to promote the exciting 2005 summer season at Kansas City's Starlight Theater. The 2-day shoot included studio and location production. Both HD spots were shot by Director/DP, Joe Mandacina. Talent included Starlight employees who volunteered their time.

Cinema St. Louis has announced the 10 finalists in their annual CinemaSpoke Screenplay Competition and Workshop. They received 21 scripts from local writers this year, with more than half from writers submitting for the first time. It is exciting to see that the community of writers keeps growing. The first reading will be Monday, March 14, 7 p.m. at HH Studios, 2500 Sutton in Maplewood. Each reading is free and open to the public. For a complete list of finalists, visit www.cinemastlouis.org.

Film commission staffers Jerry Jones and Traci Albertson are headed to Austin, Texas this weekend for the South by Southwest Film Festival where they will host a booth at the trade show. Several Midwestern states will be there promoting their locations to the filmmakers in attendance.

The last Missouri contingent has been cast off Fox's *American Idol* this week. Nikko Smith from St. Louis was one of the two lowest vote-getters Wednesday night, following up last week's exit of Aloha Mischeaux, St. Louis's other representative.



SCOUTING REPORT

We are currently in search of the following location for a project. Email your photos to: mofilm@ded.mo.gov

- sturdy abandoned 2 story farmhouse surrounded by woods. Preferably there would be a creek nearby and it would be fairly isolated. Would also like for it to have a root cellar, basement or something along those lines. Shooting at the end of march so time is of the essence. Please send photos to us by Wed. Mar. 9.

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COMING EVENTS

March 12-15 South by Southwest Film Festival, Austin, TX

April 15-17 AFCI Locations Expo, Santa Monica, CA

April 22-28 Kansas City Filmmakers Jubilee

